



General Assembly

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**Proposed Bill No. 5070**

LCO No. 318

Referred to Committee on HUMAN SERVICES

Introduced by:

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**AN ACT CONCERNING TESTING OF CASH ASSISTANCE  
RECIPIENTS FOR USE OF ILLICIT DRUGS.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

- 1 That title 17b of the general statutes be amended to require that all
- 2 recipients of state cash assistance age eighteen and older be tested for
- 3 use of illicit drugs. Upon the first positive drug test result, the recipient
- 4 shall be evaluated for drug dependence by a health care provider and
- 5 treated for such dependence if recommended by the provider. Upon a
- 6 second positive test result, the recipient shall be required to attend a
- 7 drug treatment program. Upon the third positive test result, or if such
- 8 recipient fails to complete a required treatment program, the
- 9 recipient's benefits shall be terminated and the recipient shall be
- 10 declared ineligible for future benefits.

**Statement of Purpose:**

To test recipients of cash assistance for use of illicit drugs and require treatment if necessary.